

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Abbott GmbH & Co., KG, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

**CIVIL ACTION
NO. 09-11340**

Centocor Ortho Biotech, Inc.

Defendant.

INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

SAYLOR, J.

This Scheduling Order is intended to provide a reasonable timetable for discovery and motion practice in order to help ensure a fair and just resolution of this matter without undue expense or delay.

Timetable for Discovery and Motion Practice

Pursuant to Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 16.1(F), it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Preliminary Disclosures

- a. Rule 26(a) Disclosures:** The parties will make their Initial Disclosures no later than March 11, 2010.
- b. Preliminary Infringement Disclosure:** No later than March 25, 2010, Abbott shall serve and file preliminary disclosure of the claims infringed. Abbott shall specify which claims are allegedly infringed and identify the accused product(s) or method(s) that allegedly infringe those claims. Abbott shall also specify whether the alleged infringement is literal or falls under the doctrine of equivalents. If Abbott has not already done so, it shall produce all documents supporting its contentions and/or identify any such supporting documents produced by Centocor. Such disclosures may be amended or supplemented up to 30 days before the date of the Markman Hearing. After that time, such disclosures may be amended or supplemented only by leave of court, for good cause shown.

- c. **Preliminary Invalidity and Non-Infringement Disclosures:** Not later than May 24, 2010, Centocor shall serve and file Preliminary Invalidity and Non-Infringement Contentions. Centocor shall identify prior art that anticipates or renders obvious the identified patent claims in question and, for each such prior art reference, shall specify whether it anticipates or is relevant to the obviousness inquiry. If applicable, Centocor shall also specify any other grounds for invalidity, such as indefiniteness, best mode, enablement, or written description. If Centocor has not already done so, it shall produce documents relevant to the invalidity defenses and/or identify any such supporting documents produced by Abbott. Further, if Centocor has not already done so, it shall produce documents sufficient to show operation of the accused product(s) or method(s) that Abbott identified in its preliminary infringement disclosures. Such disclosures may be amended or supplemented up to 30 days before the date of the Markman Hearing. After that time, such disclosures may be amended or supplemented only by leave of court, for good cause shown, except that, if Abbott amends or supplements its preliminary infringement disclosures, Centocor may likewise amend or supplement its disclosures within 30 days of service of the amended or supplemented infringement disclosures.
- 2. **Amendments to Pleadings:** Amendments to the pleadings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 and motions for joinder of any additional parties under Fed. R. Civ. P. 19 and 20 must be served and filed no later than June 4, 2010.
- 3. **Claim Construction Proceedings**
 - a. No later than August 20, 2010, the parties shall simultaneously exchange a list of claim terms to be construed and proposed constructions.
 - b. No later than September 10, 2010, the parties shall simultaneously exchange and file preliminary claim construction briefs. Each brief shall contain a list of terms construed, the party's proposed construction of each term, and evidence and argument supporting each construction. Absent leave of court, preliminary claim construction briefs shall be limited to 25 pages.
 - c. No later than September 24, 2010, the parties shall simultaneously exchange and file reply briefs. Absent leave of court, reply briefs shall be limited to 15 pages.
 - d. No later than October 8, 2010, the parties shall finalize the list of disputed terms for the court to construe. The parties shall prepare and file a joint claim construction and prehearing statement (hereafter the "joint

statement”) that identifies both agreed and disputed terms.

- i. The joint statement shall note the anticipated length of time necessary for the claim construction hearing and whether any party proposes to call witness, including a statement that such extrinsic evidence does not conflict with intrinsic evidence.
 - ii. The joint statement shall also indicate whether the parties will present tutorials on the relevant technology, the form of such tutorials, and the timing for such tutorials in the form of briefs, declarations, computer animations, slide presentations, or other media, the parties shall exchange such materials five days before the claim construction hearing. In the alternative, the parties may present tutorials through presentations by the attorneys or experts at the claim construction hearing.
 - iii. The joint statement shall include a proposed order in which parties will present their arguments at the claim construction hearing, which may be term-by-term or party-by-party, depending on the issues in the case.
 - iv. The joint statement shall limit the number of claims to be construed and shall prioritize the disputed terms in order of importance.
 - v. The joint statement shall include a joint claim construction chart, noting each party’s proposed construction of each term and supporting evidence.
4. **The Claim Construction Hearing (a.k.a “Markman” Hearing):** The Court shall hold a claim construction hearing, at a date to be determined, after the filing of the joint claim construction statement.
 5. **Fact Discovery:** Fact discovery will be completed no later than October 31, 2010.
 6. **Status Conferences:** Status conferences will be held on May 4, 2010, and July 6, 2010.

Procedural Provisions

1. **Extension of Deadlines.** Motions to extend or modify deadlines will be granted only for good cause shown. All motions to extend shall contain a brief statement of the reasons for the request; a summary of the discovery, if any, that remains to be taken; and a specific date when the requesting party expects to complete the additional discovery, join other parties, amend the pleadings, or file a motion.
2. **Motions to Compel or Prevent Discovery.** Except for good cause shown, motions to compel discovery, motions for protective orders, motions to quash, motions to strike discovery responses, and similar motions must be filed no later than the close of fact discovery or the close of expert discovery, whichever deadline is relevant. If additional discovery is compelled by the court after the relevant deadline has passed, the court may enter such additional orders relating to discovery as may be appropriate.
3. **Reply Memoranda.** Parties need not seek leave of court to file a reply memorandum in response to an opposition to any motion, provided that such a reply memorandum does not exceed twelve pages, double-spaced, and is filed within seven days after service of the opposition memorandum. Parties may otherwise file reply or surreply memoranda only with leave of court. When such leave is sought, the moving party may file a proposed reply or surreply memorandum with the motion for leave.
4. **Status Conferences.** The court has scheduled status conferences for case management purposes. Any party who reasonably believes that a status conference will assist in the management or resolution of the case may request one from the court upon reasonable notice to opposing counsel.
5. **Additional Conferences.** Upon request of counsel, or at the court's own initiative, additional case-management or status conferences may be scheduled. Parties may request telephonic conferences where appropriate to avoid undue inconvenience or expense.
6. **Early Resolution of Issues.** The court recognizes that, in some cases, resolution of one or more preliminary issues may remove a significant impediment to settlement or otherwise expedite resolution of the case. Counsel are encouraged to identify any such issues and to make appropriate motions at an early stage in the litigation.
7. **Pretrial Conference.** Lead trial counsel are required to attend any pretrial conference.

By the Court,

March 2, 2010

Date

/s/ Martin Castles

Deputy Clerk